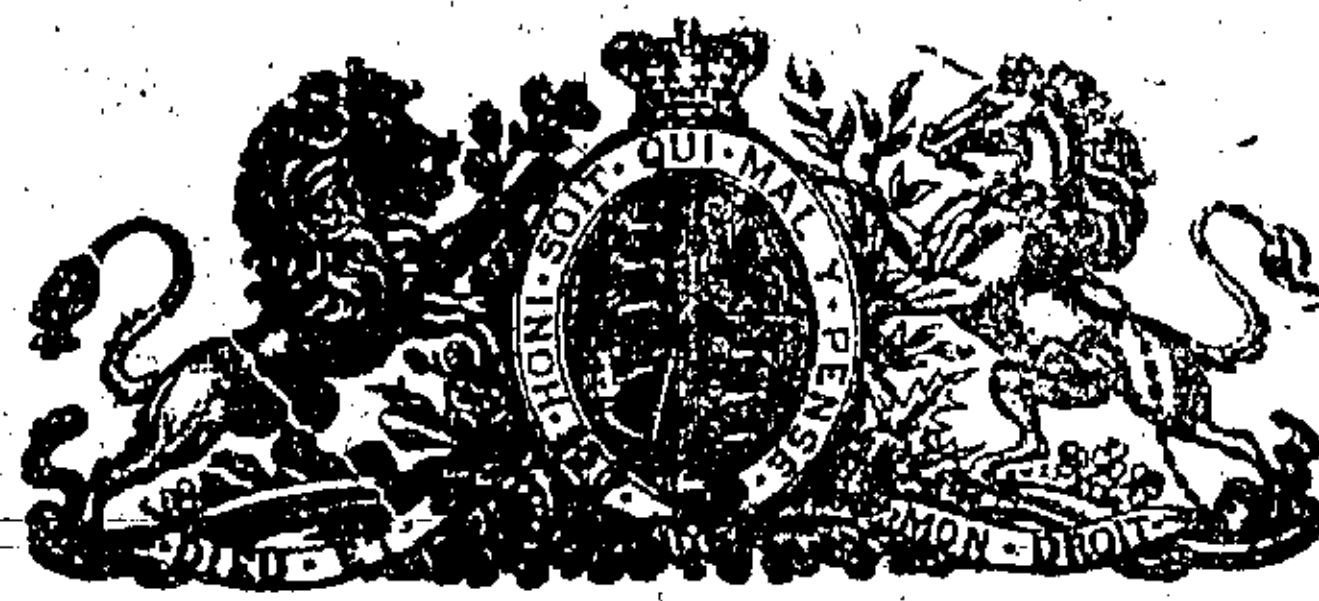


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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET & Co., 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GOTH, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES, HENDY & Co., 4, Old Jewry, E. C. SAMUEL DRAGON & Co., 160 & 164, Leadenhall Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—LEON DE ROSNY, 19, Rue Monsieur, Paris.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

SINGAPORE AND STRAITS.—SAYLE & Co., Square, Singapore. C. HEINSEN & Co., Malacca.

CHINA.—Messrs. A. A. DE MELLO & Co., Soetow, CAMPBELL & Co., Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co., Foochow, HENDER & Co., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WATSON, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 1,400,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—HON. W. KESWICK.
E. R. BELLIOS, Esq. WILHELM REINERS, Esq.
H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq. F. D. SASSOON, Esq.
H. HOPKINS, Esq. W. S. YOUNG, Esq.
A. MOLYNE, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. Manager.
Shanghai, EWEN CAMERON, Esq. Manager.
LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, August 16, 1879.

NOTICE.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

THE AGENCY of this BANK at Foochow will be CLOSED and WITHDRAWN from 1st July next.
CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS and FIXED DEPOSIT RECEIPTS will be PAID there AT ONCE with INTEREST to Date, or transferred to this Branch at the Exchange of the Day at the option of Constituents.

GEO. O. SCOTT,
p. Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, May 23, 1879.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 1th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION of 30th APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, £3,200,000. RESERVE FUND, £800,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, RUE BERGEE, PARIS.

AGENCIES and BRANCHES at:
LONDON, BOULBON, SAN FRANCISCO, MARSEILLE, BOMBAY, HONGKONG, LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW, NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOCHOW.

LONDON BANKERS:
THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VOUILLEMONT,
Manager, Shanghai.
Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

BANKS.

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 3 " 2 per cent. " "

H. H. NELSON,
Manager.

Hongkong, May 31, 1879.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000. RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE CITY BANK.
THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
ON FIXED DEPOSITS.
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

DURING my temporary absence from the Colony Mr. ERNEST VAUGHAN WETTON will CONDUCT my BUSINESS, for which purpose he holds authority to Sign my name.

R. G. ALFORD,
Surveyor, &c.
16, Queen's Road Central,
1st August, 1879. se18

NOTICE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP Co.

THE Authority to Sign Bills of Lading by this COMPANY'S STEAMERS, granted to Mr. J. J. HOWARD, is hereby revoked, and Mr. C. L. GORHAM is authorized to Sign until further notice.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 10, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has established himself at the Premises formerly occupied by LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co., Peddar's Wharf, as

AUCTIONEER, APPRAISER

AND

COMMISSION AGENT.

All GOODS entrusted for SALE will be fully covered by FIRE INSURANCE.

G. R. LAMBERT.
Hongkong, July 1, 1879.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.

THE GOODWILL,

LEASE, FURNITURE AND FIXTURES

OF

THE CENTRAL HOTEL,

SHANGHAI—CHINA.

THIS HOTEL, which is furnished throughout in a very Superior Manner, has been in operation for upwards of 3½ Years, and affords an Excellent Opportunity for an Energetic Man, or a Married Couple, to secure a Competency in a few Years.

Terms, and full Particulars, can be obtained upon application to

HALL & HOLTZ,
Shanghai.

July 21, 1879. au21

F. KLAMPERMEYER,

186, QUEEN'S ROAD,
BEGS to inform the Public that he has commenced BUSINESS, as a CAFE and RESTAURANT Keeper, and will endeavour to the best of his ability to give satisfaction to those who kindly give him their Patronage.

GERMAN SAUSAGES of all Kinds can be made to Order at the shortest notice, and of the Best Quality.

ICE CREAM at all Times in readiness, and can be supplied to Parties, &c.

F. KLAMPERMEYER,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, August 4, 1879. se4

For Sale.

NEW GOODS

EX RECENT ARRIVALS.

THE New Shapes in HATS. ACME FILES, and AMBERG'S INDEXICON FILES, the latest improvements for Office use.

EXTRA FINEST ISIGNY BUTTER, New Season's Packing, L. C. & Co.'s OWN BRAND.

LAWN TENNIS. TRAVELLING INKSTANDS, Seacure. BRASS AND IRON BEDSTEADS. BEZIQUE SETS.

DEXTER PLAYING CARDS. AGONIC VISITING CARDS. HORSE CLIPPERS.

BATH SPONGES. "YOU DIRTY BOY!"

LETTER SCALES. WALKING STICKS, well selected.

NURSERY KETTLES and STANDS, New—Portable.

MACKIE'S EXCHANGE TABLES.

SPARKLING SAUMUR, a really Good Dry Champagne at a Moderate Price, Quarts \$10 and \$11, Pints \$11.50 and \$12.50 per case.

RUINART PERR & FILS CHAMPAGNE, \$10 per case.

SPARKLING BURGUNDY, RECOMMENDED BY THE MEDICAL PROFESSION FOR INVALIDS.

FINEST FRENCH PLUMS. BORDEAUX CLARETS from \$4 per dozen.

RED HEART RUM. RACQUET and TENNIS SHOES.

WIRE MATTRESSES. UMBRELLAS.

THE MULTIPLEX COPIER, a new and most valuable Invention.

CUMSHAW MIXTURE TEA (a five catty Box delivered at any address in the United Kingdom for \$9).

MORLEY'S HOSIERY. PARLIAMENTARY SHIRTS.

CALDECOTT'S CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS. NEW NOVELS.

WORKS OF REFERENCE. GOLDEN CLOUD TOBACCO.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, August 6, 1879. se6

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

EX American Bark "ANTIOCH" (JUST ARRIVED).

1, 2, 3 and 4 inch OREGON PINE LUMBER. S P A R S.

7 to 18 inches (in Slices) 40 to 80 ft. long.

19 to 24 " (at Partners) 80 to 96 ft. "

L. MALLORY,
Hongkong Timber Yard,
(Wanchai).

Hongkong, August 8, 1879. se8

FOR SALE.

VEUVE CLUQUOT PONSARDIN, Dry CHAMPAGNE (England).

In Cases of.....1 doz. Quarts.

" of.....2 " Pints.

Apply to SANDER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 13, 1879. se13

FOR SALE.

THE Undersigned offers for SALE at moderate Prices, an Invoice of PRESERVED MEATS from the SYDNEY PRESERVED MEAT COMPANY.

Comprising: Boiled Beef and Mutton, Corned Beef and Soup and Bouilli in 6-lb. Tins, Ox-tongues, Spiced, Corned and Seasoned Beef, Roast and Corned Mutton, Sheep-tongues, Real Turtle Soup, Assorted Soups, Sheep's-head, Compressed Meats, Brawn and Ox-tongues, etc., in 2-lb. Tins.

And,
A Small Invoice of Superior Red and White AUSTRALIAN GROWN WINES, viz: MURRAY VALLEY and WYNDHAM WINES, comprising: Tokay, Verdillo, Muscat, Claret, Madeira, Sheraz, Reims Burgundy, Hermitage, Pineau in Quarts and Pints.

Also,
(From Bordeaux),
CHATEAU DE FRAUDS, a Superior Breakfast Claret at \$5 per Case.

A few Cases of LAFFITE.

G. R. LAMBERT.
Hongkong, July 17, 1879.

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, In Quarts and Pints.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, May 26, 1879.

Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-Year ending 30th June last, at the Rate of (21) ONE POUND STERLING per Share of \$125, is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the 18th Current, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 16, 1879.

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI during the Summer Months, leaving Hongkong on the 1st of April next, and returning about 1st November.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

LESSEES of LOTS on the British Settlement of SHAMEN, Canton, are hereby requested to pay the Amounts due on their Several Lots as ANNUAL GROUND RENT into H. M. Consulate on or before the 4th September, 1879.

All Lots on which Ground Rent has not been paid on the 4th September next will be liable to be re-entered upon by H. M.'s Government.

H. F. HANCE,
H. M. Consul.
H. M. Consulate,
Canton, August 14, 1879. se5

DODD & CO'S ESTATE.

A FINAL DIVIDEND of \$1.50 per cent. will be PAID at Amoy on the 25th instant at the Office of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.

Debts not proved before the 20th instant will be excluded from the dividend.

F. CHOMLEY,
Trustee.

EDMOND PYE, } Inspectors.
H. ABINDROTH, }
Amoy, 12th August, 1879. au26

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be Held in the OFFICES of the Company, CLUB CHAMBERS, on WEDNESDAY, 3rd September, 1879, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of Receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1879.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from August 20th to September 3rd, both days included.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 16, 1879. se3

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1878, AND TO THE 30th JUNE, 1879.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to Furnish the Undersigned with a List of their CONTRIBUTIONS from the 1st January, 1878, to the 30th June, 1879, in Order that the Portion of the NET PROFITS to be Reserved for CONTRIBUTORS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st October next will be adjusted by the Company, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 2, 1879. nol

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, DR. EASTLAKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1873.

Intimations.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 3% or \$2.25 PER SHARE, declared at the Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS held YESTERDAY, will be payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank on and after TO-MORROW (Thursday), the 31st instant.

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply at the Office of the Company for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.

Hongkong, July 30, 1879.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1878, AND THE FIRST 6 MONTHS OF 1879.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to Furnish the Undersigned with a List of their CONTRIBUTIONS for the Year ending December 31st 1878, and for the Six Months from January 1st to June 30th 1879; in Order that the DISTRIBUTION of the Portion of PROFITS Reserved for CONTRIBUTORS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to October 31st next, will be adjusted by the Company and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, July 24, 1879. oc31

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE.

IN accordance with the Articles of Agreement, the Directors have declared a DIVIDEND to POLICYHOLDERS for the FIFTEEN MONTHS ending 31st December 1878, of THIRTY-THREE PER CENT. on the NET PREMIUM CONTRIBUTED, payable at our OFFICE on and after the 15th instant.

POLICYHOLDERS are requested to send in particulars of their Contributions.

By Order of the Directors,
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, May 5, 1879.

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS.

GOODS RECEIVED on STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the Wharf, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch. Also entire GODOWNS to be let.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 1, 1879. se1

Shipping.

Steamers.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "TANAIS," Command. DE LA MARCELLE, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail from Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, August 13, 1879.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "SINDH," Command. DE LA MARCELLE, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, August 13, 1879.

FOR BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR NEW ZEALAND.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamship "BRISBANE" will be despatch

Intimations

NOTICE.

HONGKONG COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE.

THE EXCHANGE ROOMS in MARINE HOUSE, Queen's Road Central, are Open Daily for the use of MEMBERS from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Special Days—TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS, from 12 to 12.30 and 4 to 4.30 p.m.
Applications for admission as Members to be addressed to

E. GEORGE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, June 18, 1879.

THE Undersigned have been appointed SOLE AGENTS for Hongkong and China for the Sale of their LEAD by the MECHERICH MINING SOCIETY.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, June 27, 1879. au27

Notice to Consignees

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship *BELOIC*, from San Francisco, &c., are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding discharge of the Steamer will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

H. M. BLANCHARD,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, August 14, 1879. au21

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Ex Yangtsé.

AME (in diamond) Nos. 16/17, Or., 20 cases
T J. Flannel, from L'don.
Ex Anadyr.

Mr Charles Bonnet, 1 case Shirts, &c., from Marseilles.

Ex Peiho.

Mr Anderson, 1 Trunk, from London.
Messrs Wynting & Co., 1 case Samples, from London.

S. 1 parcel Samples, from M (in diamond) Shanghai.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, August 13, 1879.

To-day's Advertisements.



TREASURY BILLS.

TENDERS of SPECIE, Mexican Dollars current in this Colony, weighing 7.17, in exchange for BILLS, drawn at 10 days sight, on the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, will be RECEIVED by the TREASURER until 12 Noon, THURSDAY, the 21st Instant.
The Tenders to state the Total Amount required, and the Amount for which each Bill should be drawn; but no Bills will be issued for sums below £1,000.
The Tenders to be in duplicate, in Sealed Covers, addressed to "The Treasurer," and endorsed "Tenders for Treasury Bills."
The right to accept, or reject, any or all the Tenders is reserved.

J. MUSKETT, Captain,
Treasurer.

Treasury Office, Commissariat Buildings, Queen's Road,
Hongkong, 19th August, 1879. au21

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG VIA SUEZ CANAL.

(CALLING AT SINGAPORE.)

The Steamship

PAULSEN, Master, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 20th Inst., at 3 p.m.
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, August 19, 1879. au20

FOR FOCHOW (DIRECT.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "BRISBANE,"
Captain J. A. REDDELL, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 20th Instant, at 6 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, August 19, 1879. au20

AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all Australasian and New Zealand Ports.

TASMANIA, NEW CALEDONIA & FIJI.

The Chartered Steamer "OLAF,"
ANDERSEN, Commander, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 30th Instant, at Noon, instead of as previously notified.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, August 19, 1879. au30

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship "PATTERDALE,"
will leave for the above Port on THURSDAY Next, the 21st Instant, at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, August 19, 1879. au21

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

The Spanish Steamer "EMUY,"
Capt. BLANCO, shortly expected, will have immediate despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, August 19, 1879.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMER PATTERDALE FROM LONDON, PENANG & SINGAPORE.

THIS Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by Messrs Norton & Co., whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to receive their Goods on the Wharf are at liberty to do so. Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 p.m. TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 28th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, August 19, 1879. au22

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

AGNES MUIR, British ship, Capt. James Lowe—Meyer & Co.

HAZEL HOLME, British barque, Capt. J. Wm. Millican—Vogel & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Aug. 18, *Brisbane*, British steamer, 1700, J. A. Reddell, Sydney July 31, and Cooktown Aug. 6, General—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Aug. 18, *Kalaja*, Russian barque, 690, Roos, Swatow July 26, Ballast—VOGEL & Co.

Aug. 19, *Patterdale*, British steamer, 885, W. E. Bentley, London June 22, via ports of call, and Singapore Aug. 11, General—MELCHERS & Co.

Aug. 19, *Lydia*, German steamer, 1170, P. Paulsen, Shanghai Aug. 16, Tea—SIEMSEN & Co.

Aug. 19, *Yungking*, Chinese steamer, 661, F. Wallace, Swatow Aug. 18, General—C. M. S. N. Co.

DEPARTURES.

Aug. 19, *Anadyr*, for Marseilles, &c.

CLEARED.

Emil Julius, for Tounon.
Alice O. Dickerman, for Honolulu.
Chasca, for New York.
Priam, for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Brisbane*, from Sydney and Cooktown, 80 Chinese.
Per *Patterdale*, from Singapore, 30 Chinese.

Per *Yungking*, from Swatow, 14 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Anadyr*, for Saigon, Mr Gsell, and 10 Chinese; for Singapore, Mr D. da Costa and servant, Mr Malard, 5 Chinese, and 3 Indians; for Marseilles, Messrs R. G. Alford, H. J. Chambers, Mr and Mrs Lecherer.—From Shanghai: for Marseilles, General Lehmeyer.—From Yokohama: for Saigon, Mr Garnier; for Marseilles, Messrs Loughran, and Murphy.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The Chinese steamer *Yungking* reports: Fine weather throughout the passage.
The Russian barque *Kalaja* reports: Calm the whole passage, had to anchor most every day on account of light winds and southerly currents.

The British steamer *Brisbane* reports: Left the Cosmopolitan Wharf, Sydney, at 1.15 p.m. on the 31st July, passed the heads at 1 p.m., Smokey Cape abeam at 10 a.m. the 1st August. Cape Moreton Light-house abeam at 4 p.m. 5th, dropped anchor at 6.30 p.m. in Weary Bay, weighed and proceeded at 6.50 a.m. 6th, and arrived at Cooktown 7.55 a.m., landed cargo and received passengers, left again 0.80 p.m. Point Look-out abeam at 4.30 p.m., dropped anchor 7 p.m., weighed and proceeded at 4.20 a.m. 7th. Piper Island abeam at 8.22 p.m. 7th, stopped and anchored at 8.45 p.m. till 3 a.m. 8th, at 4.10 p.m. passed Booby Island. Zamboanga Lights abeam at 9.45 p.m. 14th. Arrived in Hongkong harbour 18th inst. July 31st, experienced a moderate N.W. wind with thick dirty weather and a heavy N.E. sea, which continued till the 2nd August, from thence to Cooktown variable winds and dirty weather. From Cooktown to Booby Island met with moderate South-westerly winds with rain and thick dirty weather, from thence experienced fine weather with light and variable winds till arrival as above.

CARGOES.

Per S.S. *Anadyr*, sailed 19th August, 1879:—For Continent, 2,134 bales Silk, 198 bales Waste Silk, 57 bales Cocoons, 80 cases Silks, 873 boxes and 1,897 half-chests Tea, 690 pkgs. Sundries, and 225 pkgs. Tea.—For London, 231 bales Silk, 17 cases Silks, 212 boxes, 698 half-chests and 659 chests Tea, 121 pkgs. Sundries, and 15 cases Treasure (\$161,229).
Per S.S. *Hector*, Hongkong to London, sailed 17th August, 1879:—8,224 lbs. Congou, 127,369 lbs. So. Caper, and 6,560 lbs. So. Or. Pekoe—total 142,653 lbs. Tea; 83 bales Waste Silk, 79 pkgs. Silk Piece Goods, and 18 pkgs. Sundries.—For New York, 75 bales Raw Silk, and 80 pkgs. Sundries.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:

For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOCHOW.—Per *Douglas*, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 20th inst.

For SINGAPORE, SUEZ, LONDON, AND HAMBURG.—Per *Lydia*, at 2.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 20th inst.

For FOCHOW.—Per *Brisbane*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 20th inst.

For HOIHOW and HAIPHONG, (with Mails for Pakhoi and Hanou).—Per *Conquest*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 20th inst.

For SHANGHAI.—Per *Priam*, at 5 p.m., on Wednesday, the 20th inst.

Per *Patterdale*, at 4.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 21st inst.

For SAIGON.—Per *Paladin*, at 4.30 p.m., on Friday, the 22nd inst.

For BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, &c.—Per *Brisbane*, at 1.30 p.m., on Monday, the 25th inst. (12 cent rates).

For PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, &c.—Per *Olaf*, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 30th inst., instead of as previously notified.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *City of Tokio*, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 23rd Instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., which will be closed as follows:—

2.15 P.M. Registry ceases.

2.30 P.M. Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra. Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay cannot be sent by this route.

Hongkong, August 18, 1879. au23

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.

The British Contract Packet *Bokhara* will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 20th Instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Brindisi or Southampton; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Barmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies, Fiji, or S. Africa, nor for Mauritius.

MAIL BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *Belgic*, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 1st September, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c. will be closed as follows:—

2.15 P.M. Registry ceases.

2.30 P.M. Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra. Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay cannot be sent by this route.

Hongkong, Aug. 14, 1879. sel

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *Peiho* will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 2nd September, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Barmah, Ceylon, India (via Madras), Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Reunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

HOURS OF CLOSING

THE CONTRACT MAILS.

The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by both the British and French Contract Packets:—

Day before departure.

5 p.m.—Money Order Office closes; Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Day of departure.

7 a.m.—Post Office opens.

10 a.m.—Registry of Letters ceases.

Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

11 a.m.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m.—Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents until

11.30 a.m.—when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.40 a.m.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 18 cents until time of departure.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, August 21:—

Noon.—Tenders for Treasury Bills received by the Treasurer.

5 p.m.—*Patterdale* leaves for Shanghai.

SATURDAY, August 23:—

3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

TUESDAY, August 26:—

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

THURSDAY, August 28:—

Goods per *Patterdale* undelivered later this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, August 30:—

Noon.—*Olaf* leaves for Port Darwin, &c.

MEANS FOR TO-MORROW

Shipping.

Noon.—*Douglas* leaves for Coast Ports.

3 p.m.—*Lydia* leaves for London, &c.

6 p.m.—*Brisbane* leaves for Fochow.

Miscellaneous.

Transfer Books of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited, closed from this date to 3rd Proximo, included.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 1879.

CONSIDERABLE interest seems to be felt in the proceedings now going on, in Washington and in China, for the purpose of obtaining, if possible, a further insight into the working of the Diplomatic and Consular services of the United States in the Far East. One correspondent expresses surprise that we should have taken part in what he calls this Democratic movement, and thus played into the hands of those who, for political purposes and from interested motives, are making "civil service reform" a party cry. Now, American politics are "peculiar," and indeed American institutions and constitutions possess certainly this peculiarity, that they are not such as can be comprehended in a day. To be a master in politics in the States necessitates, amongst other qualifications, the closest observation and the most attentive study of a life-time. We are not ashamed therefore to admit that we know very little of American parties, or of the great or little questions which mark the distinction between the "Dems." and the "Reps." of the great Republic. In truth, we long ago gave up the task of understanding the political movements of the States, and are so daring as to care nothing about whether the next occupant of the White House be anything else than a good, sensible man. It by no means follows from this, however, that one who feels no intense interest in party cries or in political movements generally in the States, may not entertain a most lively interest in foreigners in China, and in those of them who hail from America "the inviolable friend of China." It has been said that politics and honesty seldom go hand in hand; but without going so far as that, it is quite clear that politics in America and Consular honesty in the Far East have, so far as the *China Mail* is concerned, no relation whatever. If an officer of the Federal Government, anywhere from Peking to Bangkok, is proved to have acted dishonestly towards that Government and has become unworthy of the important trust imposed in him, the fact that the person who so acts is a Democrat or a Republican is of no importance whatever. What is now watched with interest, in regard to the miserably-paid members of the U. S. services (Diplomatic and Consular), is how the efforts now being made to clear up grave suspicions of irregularities in the conduct of certain of their members in the Far East will tend to raise the tone of the services generally. And this is a consideration which should interest every foreigner in China; because, if corruption exists to the extent alleged amongst any branch of foreign officials, how can it be expected that any improvement should appear amongst the Chinese. This is not a new question, and it is not the first time it has come up for discussion. It is now several years since a rascally case was brought to light in these columns; and action was anticipated by the defaulting official, who removed himself and his ill-gotten gains from the scene of his irregularities. Men of the highest repute and the greatest experience of all nationalities have long bemoaned the loose system under which the greatest modern Republic permits her citizens to be represented abroad; and it is with the most unfeigned satisfaction that we see that steps are being taken to bring about a better state of things. Until, however, the members of the Diplomatic and Consular Services of the U. S. A. are well paid, and their salaries do not depend in any way upon real or imaginary fees, the difficulties of the past will not fail to reappear in the future. Reliable and able men will not be available for the positions offered them at the wretched salaries now given; and any endeavour to raise the tone of the services without a simultaneous increase of the honest emoluments of office must be futile. This question

deserves the careful attention alike of all honest Republicans and Democrats of the Union, as the reputation of the country is necessarily involved in its satisfactory solution.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."]

(Per E. E. A. & Co. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

AFFAIRS IN RUSSIA.

LONDON, August 16.

Three noted lawyers have been arrested in St. Petersburg charged with disaffection towards the Government, and the number of persons placed under supervision is daily increasing.

THE CAPE.

LONDON, August 16.

Advice from Natal dated the 29th July state that two British Columns were to re-advance on the 3rd instant, and to rendezvous at Magnibonum about the 6th. Cetewayo has asked, whether, in the event of his surrendering, his life will be spared, and a reply in the affirmative has been returned.

Sawas and Ali Said have been appointed Commissioners for the settlement of the Greek frontier.

EGYPT.

LONDON, August 16.

The promulgation of the firman investing Tewfik Pasha with the Government has been enthusiastically received in Cairo.

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH.

LONDON, August 16.

Parliament was prorogued yesterday.

The speech from the Throne stated that the relations with Foreign Powers were friendly and cordial. The Treaty of Berlin was being faithfully executed, although the calamities of the war had prevented Turkey from prosecuting those reforms in the Government which were needed. The English Government will continue to urge upon the Porte the fulfilment of its engagements in this respect.

The misgovernment of Egypt has compelled the Porte to depose the Khedive. A Treaty has been concluded with the Amir of Afghanistan which guarantees peace to the country and the safety and strength of our Indian frontiers. It trusts that the recent successes in South Africa will lead to an early conclusion of peace.

Mr. Hugh Low, C.M.G., Resident of Perak, who is at present a guest at Government House, will leave for Hongkong on a visit to H. E. Mr. Pope Hennessy by the next French mail.—*Straits Times*, August 8.

The following telegrams are to hand to day by way of Australia:—

London, July 5.—Germany's proposals for a reduction on the telegraphic rates for messages connected with the Sydney and Melbourne International Exhibition, were submitted to the International Telegraphic Conference, now sitting in London. The British Government declines to accede to the proposals, although Foreign Governments were willing to do so.

London, July 8.—The Board of Trade returns show that the exports for the past month amounted to £14,500,000, showing an increase of £500,000 as compared with the same period last year.

London, July 9.—The price of wheat is rising, owing to continued excessive rain in England. A serious deficiency is expected in the wheat crop in France.

London, July 9.—The Select Committee of the House of Commons appointed to inquire into the question of the wine duties, recommended raising the standard of admission to probably 33%, leaving the amount of duty to be fixed by the Government.

London, July 23.—It is expected that Parliament will be dissolved in the autumn. The Queen's Prize has been won with a total of 83 points, by Corporal Taylor, 47th Lancashire R.F.

The sum of £1400 was presented to Mr. W. G. Grace, the cricketer, at Lord's Cricket Ground on Monday.

Paris, July 21.—The Bonapartists have recognized the leadership of Prince Jerome.

Paris, July 21.—General Bourbaki has given in his adherence to the Republic; and both Chambers have voted his return to Paris in November, with an amendment conferring on the President of the Chambers the right to requisition for troops.

Berlin, July 21.—Prince Bismarck proposes a biennial German budget.

New York, July 21.—The American Agricultural Bureau has published its monthly report, stating, among other things, that the wheat crop for the season amounts to 91 per cent. of the average.

HOMICIDE OF A MALAY SEAMAN IN LASCAR ROW.

INQUEST.

An inquest was held at this Government Civil Hospital this afternoon on the body of a Malay male, named Thyra; C. V. Creagh, Esq., as Coroner, Messrs J. A. Mosely, A. B. de Roza and F. A. dos Remedios forming the Jury.

Dr Wharry stated: The body of deceased was brought to the Hospital last night. I examined it this morning, and found it had been dead about twelve hours. It was that of a colored man, fairly nourished and muscular, about five feet three and a half high and about fifty years of age. There were a large number of wounds on various parts of the body, and on the arms and hands of the deceased, and two on the chest which appeared to have penetrated to the lungs. Death appeared to have resulted from the wounds in the chest; the wounds might all have been caused by the long knife produced. There are traces of blood on both knives, but I can not say whether it is human blood or not.

Dr Wharry's evidence was read over to the man charged with causing the death of Thyra, and asked if he had any questions to ask; he answered in the negative.

Tu Min, wife of the deceased, said she lived with her husband in a house in Upper Lascar Row; she knew the man charged with killing her husband; he lived in the same house and on the same floor as she and her husband. She first saw him about two months ago. Her husband was a seaman on one of the coasting steamers and was frequently absent from Hongkong; the prisoner is also a seaman and is occasionally absent; he is unmarried, and when in Hongkong sleeps in the sitting room of the house where she lived. Her husband and the prisoner were acquainted but were not very intimate. About seven o'clock last evening the prisoner and a Malay Serang who was also living in the house, came home and went upstairs to the sitting room. There were only three women in the house at that time;—witness, another woman and the serang's wife. The serang ordered his wife to get some water as he wanted to wash himself, and he then went into the cook-room. Shortly afterwards he dressed himself and went out, leaving the prisoner in the sitting room. Witness then went into the cook-room, leaving her child with the old woman. While there she heard her child crying, and soon after her husband came in and went to her room, where the prisoner was with the old woman and the child. She heard her husband ask the prisoner what he was doing there; to which prisoner replied, "The child was crying and I took her into the room." Her husband then said, "Put the child down." She heard no more words. Afterwards she heard a scuffle and on going into the room she saw the deceased and the prisoner there; the child had been put down on the bed. Prisoner was standing close to her husband with a knife in his hand; there was blood on the floor. The knife shewn was the one she saw the defendant with. The other knife produced was in the hand of her husband. They were struggling and fighting with each other. She tried to take the knife from the prisoner, but was unable to do so; her husband was leaning against her for support, and prisoner was stabbing away at him with the knife. She did not see deceased attempt to stab the prisoner, although he still continued to hold the knife. Shortly afterwards her husband fell down dead, and the knife dropped from his hand. When deceased fell down the prisoner said nothing, but went away to the cook-room. The serang shortly afterwards came back and asked witness what was the matter. When she told him he called for the prisoner to come from the cook-room and give up the knife. Prisoner did so. The other knife belonged to the deceased; he used to wear it in a belt round his waist. When the serang got the knife from the prisoner, he went out into the street and brought up a policeman. Witness received a cut across the shoulder from her husband in the struggle; the cut was accidentally done. While the fight was going on witness did not call out for assistance, but called to defendant not to stab; to which he answered, "Yes I am going to stab." Her reason for calling out to defendant not to stab, was that her husband was giddy and staggering and not attempting to retaliate. The old woman was asleep in one of the rooms during the fight. Witness was the

only person present, besides the prisoner and deceased. The serang's wife had gone out before it commenced. Deceased appeared angry when he spoke to prisoner.

Prisoner asked no questions of the witness, but says he will make a statement by and by.

Chue Akum, married to a Malay named Assam and living in the same house as last witness where she has resided for the past two years, said she had only known the prisoner for a few days and first saw him in the house where she lives in company with the serang. She has never seen the prisoner in company with last witness. Last night about five o'clock witness was in the sitting room of the house; about dark she was awakened by hearing some one cry, "Ay Yah." She got up, took her child with her and went away to get out, thinking that something was wrong; in the passage she saw a man lying there.

The prisoner, at that time was standing in the door of the cook-room. Witness did not see any blood on the floor and was going down the stairs when she fell down, her child falling with her. She was frightened by hearing the cry. She did not know who called out. When in the street she heard that some one had been stabbed and went with the serang's wife to call a constable.

First witness recalled and asked what time the fight commenced,—said it began about eight o'clock. It was dark by that time, but there were lamps in her bed room, in the sitting room, the cook room and also in the opposite room. The passage was lit by the lamps in the different rooms.

Rahim, the serang of the *Marquis of Argyll*, said he has known deceased for about ten years. He has only known the prisoner for the past thirteen days, when he first came on board the ship to join the *Marquis of Argyll*. He has no knowledge of any quarrel existing between deceased and the prisoner, who has been living with him in the sitting room of his lodgings. Witness and prisoner came ashore together yesterday and went to witness' house; the witness washed and dressed himself and went out. He does not know if prisoner or deceased were in the house when he left it.

About eight o'clock, while he was standing in the street, his wife went and told him something and he went home and went upstairs where defendant was standing in the cook room with a knife in his hand. The body of the man was lying across the passage. He did not know then who it was. He called out to prisoner to come up from the cook-room and got a lamp from his own room, and the aid of which he saw that prisoner had a wound over his eye, and was holding a knife in his hand. He asked him what was the matter and could get no explanation. He got the knife from prisoner and went out and fetched a constable. Witness never knew deceased to have a quarrel with his wife.

Wong Angan, wife of the last witness, was standing outside the house last evening about eight o'clock when the old woman came down and said there was something wrong going on inside. She went and informed her husband and afterwards went for a constable.

P. C. 67, Hugh McKay, was in East Street last night, shortly before nine o'clock. The last witness went up to him and told him there was fighting going on in the house. He went back with her and went upstairs. The serang pointed out the body of deceased which was lying on the floor quite dead, in a pool of blood. The serang handed him the long knife. He sent for assistance and took the prisoner to the Station, returning afterwards and taking the body to the hospital.

Usop, the prisoner, after being duly cautioned, made the following statement:—I am an able seaman, employed on the same ship as the serang, and never saw the deceased until last night. About six o'clock last evening myself and the serang left the ship to come ashore and got home about seven. I went upstairs, leaving the serang at the door. I asked the first witness to come some rice for me. I have been living in the serang's house for about eighteen months and made the acquaintance of first witness about nine months ago. She is my woman or partly so, being also kept by deceased at times. I have been away from the Colony, and when I and deceased were in Hongkong at one and the same time, I allowed him the privilege of staying with the first witness as he had known her the longest. Last evening after telling the first witness to cook the rice I went into her room and had my dinner there, after which I sent her to wash the bowls. While she was away the child began to cry and I took it up. At this time the deceased came into the room and asked me what I was doing there. I told him the child was crying and that I had gone in to lift it up. When I spoke to him he struck me over the eye and knocked me on the floor. When I got up I was a little giddy. I told him not to beat me, when he struck me again; but I could not say what it was with. I was leaning against the bed and felt the knife lying there, and as deceased continued to beat me, I stabbed him; how often I cannot say. He left the room and I did not again cut at him, nor did I follow him when he went into the passage.

The inquest was adjourned till Friday the 22nd at three o'clock, at the Magistrate's, to admit of the prisoner calling a witness to prove his lengthy acquaintance with the first witness.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before the Hon. the Acting Puisne Judge, J. J. Francis, Esq.)

Tuesday, August 19th.

YOUNGAYEW SKEQUIRA, \$9.20.—Plaintiff, a compositor, sued defendant, foreman in the *China Mail* Office, for wages from the 1st to the 7th and from the 12th to the 27th July. He had been absent without leave during the intervening days and had left at the end of the month at a moment's notice. He met one of his fellow compositors on the street and told him to tell the foreman that he (plaintiff) had business of his own to do and could not come to work. The Court held in the forenoon that the proper defendant was not before the Court, and ordered the summons to be amended and served on the proprietor of the *China Mail* and the case was ordered to stand over for a week. Later in the day, Mr. Bain said he was willing to accept service of the summons now, and let the case go on. He explained that he had no desire to avoid payment of this money; in point of fact he had paid the wages to the foreman on the 4th or 5th of the month as usual, and the amount was now in the proprietor's hands. Mr. Skequira had, after advising him and with his consent, withheld it. The plaintiff in this case was

a substitute for another Chinese boy who was ill; he had served for several months; as the real servant of the office preferred it, the wages had been paid monthly to the substitute. He was not willing to pay the plaintiff before taking the opinion of the Court on the question. It was a great inconvenience in a business like that of the *China Mail* to have men leaving at any time they chose, without giving a moment's notice. The men were all understood to be on a monthly hiring; he always gave any one he was sending away a full month's notice; and they, with this exception, had invariably done the same by him.

The Court: Do you contend that the man forfeited his month's wages by leaving without giving you notice?

Mr. Bain: I make no contention in the matter. I have paid the money; but I do not think the plaintiff is entitled to it. I am willing to pay the money to the regular employee of the office,—the man who is sick.

The Court held that the first desertion of service or absence without leave was condoned by his subsequent employment in the office. The man made no claim for the days he was not there. He suggested that defendant pay into Court the amount.

Mr. Bain was quite ready; he did not know how matters stood between plaintiff and the man for whom he acted as a substitute.

The plaintiff was then called but did not answer. It was stated by the officers of the Court and Mr. Skequira that he was not present in the morning either; but the Court seemed to think he had presented an appearance sometime or other, for the case was cleared to stand over for a week; if he did not appear then, or if appearing, he did not give some very good reason for his absence to-day the case would, of course, be struck off.

PANG SHING v. CHOW SOW, \$95.—This was a suit brought to recover damages for a collision between the plaintiff's boat (a passenger boat plying between Victoria and Kowloon) and the defendant's (a stone boat), plaintiff alleging that defendant was to blame for the collision by which his (plaintiff's) boat had suffered damage to the amount sued for. The defence was that the collision was accidental and unavoidable, it having occurred in a storm in which defendant took the ordinary precautions to prevent any collision. Defendant further alleged the plaintiff's boat had not suffered more damage than \$20 or \$30 would repair. His own boat was damaged to the extent of \$20. Mr. McBean was asked to report on the damage caused to the plaintiff's boat, now lying at Yeh-mah-ti; and the case was adjourned for a week for his report.

CHAN FUK KIE v. HANLON, \$12.93.—This was a claim by a servant against his late master for wages, \$7, and money paid out on his account. Mr. Hanlon stated that of this sum, \$2.83 was wages belonging to a former boy, who had asked him not to pay it to any one else. Although plaintiff was to any one else. Although plaintiff was to any one else. Although plaintiff was to any one else.

The Court said he would have to take out a summons for the misconduct; it could not be considered in the present case. Mr. Hanlon said the boy had admitted having a bad character in the house on the night of the 1st August.

His Lordship said that was no reason why the boy's wages for July should not be paid; his wages were due on the 31st July.

Mr. Hanlon said he usually paid the wages on the 5th or 6th of the month; unless he did this the servants could leave at the end of any month without a day's warning and secure their wages in full up till the day they left.

His Lordship: You can proceed against a servant in such case for desertion of service.

Mr. Hanlon: Then, he stole three pairs of boots out of my room.

The Court: Have you prosecuted him before the Police Court for that?

Defendant: No.

The Court: Then you have no right to say anything about it here. Unless a man is prepared to bring a criminal charge against the person who, he believes, has defrauded him or stolen from him, he has no right to allege anything against him as you are doing. Judgment for \$3.15 with costs (\$7 wages; \$1.15 money paid out.)

The boy asked whether he would be entitled to the \$2.83 if he got a letter from his clansman asking him to get the money. The Court informed him he would not. He could get a power of attorney and recover the amount.

The other cases were not of interest.

Police Intelligence.

(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)

Tuesday, August 19th.

STEALING FROM FELLOW-LODGERS.

Wong Akan, a hawker, living in No. 2 Market Street, was charged with stealing various articles of clothing, the property of his fellow lodgers. Accounts from three pawn shops where the clothes had been pawned in three different names gave evidence, and separately picked out the prisoner from a number of others in the dock.

His Worship found the charge fully proved, sentenced prisoner to two months' hard labour, and ordered him to pay \$3.50 arrears to the pawn-brokers or undergo an extra four weeks' hard labour.

HAVING HIS LEAVE STOPPED.

Edward Foll, a seaman, unemployed, who boards and lodges in the gaol, and looks for employment during the day, met in with a few friends yesterday who "stood treat"; he was unable to present a respectable appearance when he got to his lodgings last night, and had to be assisted to his room; he admitted being a trifle tipsy and was fined \$1, with the alternative of having his leave stopped for six days.

"NO B'LONG M'PIDGIN."

Tsoi Ahn and Leung Ah, coolies in the employ of Mr. John McFarlane, were told by their master to fetch home his amah and child from the gardens last evening about dusk; defendants refused, saying, "No b'long m'pidgin carry Amah." It appears they were under notice to leave Mr. McFarlane's employment, and had only a few days more to stay to complete the month's notice.

His Worship very plainly informed them that they were bound to obey any reasonable order of their master while in his

employ, and he would fine them \$1 each, or send them to gaol for five days.

SIX WEEKS' HARD LABOUR FOR STEALING TWO CENTS.

Siu A Chang went to a hawker's stall yesterday and ordered some fruit; while he was being attended to he snatched two cents from the hawker's money-box and attempted to bolt, but the proprietor of the stall seized him and called out for the police. Sergeant Sam A Kau came upon the scene, and arrested prisoner, who said they were only having a dispute.

Six weeks' with hard labour, ought to be a lesson to him for the future.

A YOUNG THIEF.

Pang A Po, a youth of 14, son of a head coolie living in Wanchai, was found in unlawful possession of two iron bars in Nullah Lane this morning. Appao, a gun laser, saw the prisoner, with two other boys not in custody, carrying iron bars, and suspecting that all was not correct called on them to stop; they dropped the bars and bolted; witness succeeded in capturing the prisoner and took him, with the iron bars, to the Police Station. Prisoner said he had been engaged by some other boys to carry the iron bars, but did not know them.

Sentenced to seven days' solitary confinement and to be handed over to his father's care when released from prison.

GAMBLE S.

Li A Shun, Chan A Tak, Kwok A Wo, Pun A Leung, Kwan A Wai and Li A Wai, remanded, on a charge of gambling in Hillier Street, from the 16th inst., were again brought up to-day and further remanded for one week; first and second defendants being admitted to bail in \$200 each, the others in one security for \$25 each.

Fong A Kum, Li A Loi, Kwok A Kan, Chum Yat Cho and Leung A Mun, remanded, on a charge of public gambling in No. 124 Queen's Road, from the 16th inst., were further remanded for one week; first and second defendants admitted to bail in \$200 each, the others in \$25 each.

BOLD THEIVING.

Chan An Kwai, a coolie, went looking around for lodgings yesterday and wished to lodge with a medicine-man, who told him he only took in men of good family. Chan An Kwai then left the house and returned again some four hours afterwards accompanied by a friend. The doctor was engaged in the cook-house making up some medicine when the two men came to the house, and he, hearing a noise, went and spoke to them, telling the first defendant, Chan An Kwai, to wait until he had finished what he was doing and he would then bargain with him for the rent of the room. By the time he had mixed the medicine and returned to the room he found that his visitors had departed; a silk jacket and a clock had also departed; he looked for the men, eventually meeting the first defendant in the street and giving him in charge. On the way to the station the second defendant, Wong A Kwai, came up to them and said, "If you let the man go I will return the things you have lost, this evening." On hearing him say this, P. C. 139 took him in charge. On going round the pawn-shop the doctor found his jacket in the Hin Yun pawn-shop, and on returning to his house found the clock concealed under the stair case.

The pawn-shop picked out the first defendant from a lot of other prisoners and identified him as the man who had pawned the jacket for seventy-five cents.

First defendant said that he had not stolen the jacket, and that the pawn-broker must have made a mistake.

Second defendant said that, the first prisoner being his nephew, when he saw him in custody he went up and asked what was the matter, and advised the complainant to release him so that he might be able to make good.

First defendant was sentenced to three months' imprisonment, with hard labour.

The second defendant was discharged.

STEALING WOOD.

Chan A Li and Kwok A Yung were pulling about the harbour in a small boat yesterday and saw a log of hard-wood, the property of the Sam Wa Timber Yard Company, which they rather admired; and accordingly fixed a rope to it, for the purpose of taking it home. Fortunately, for the real owners, Kwok A Kam saw the little game and gave chase. The first defendant jumped overboard when he saw pursuer very close up to the boat he was in; both the men were caught and taken to the station.

The defendants said they were diving under the water for some nets and picked up the wood thinking it had no owner.

Leung A Tao, the manager of the timber yard, identified the wood as belonging to his firm, and said it was lying with a lot of other logs close to the beach.

First defendant was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

Second defendant, who admitted two previous convictions, one as a rogue and vagabond, was sent to gaol for four months with hard labour.

BORROWING A RAZOR.

Chan A Ho, an earth coolie, while a hawker of English goods was attending to a customer yesterday, snatched a razor from his stall and ran off with it; a shopman who saw the affair, pursued him, caught him, and brought him back to the stall, when the razor was found in his pocket.

P. C. 234 took the prisoner in charge. Defendant said that he borrowed the razor and ran away because the hawker was beating him.

He was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

By the steamer *Brisbane*, Capt. Reddell, arrived this morning, we have Australian files from Sydney up to 31st July and from Cooktown up to August 6th. The following is our usual summary of Australian news:—

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Sydney, July 26.—Archbishop Vaughan's pastoral to Roman Catholic parents in reference to sending their children to Protestant schools will be read in the churches on Sunday next (July 27th). It has been delayed until after the prorogation in consequence of a desire to avoid its becoming the subject of a Parliamentary discussion.

H.M.S. *Cormorant* left on the 21st, for Samoa, in order to meet his Excellency Sir Arthur Gordon, Governor of Fiji, who is returning to the islands.

QUEENSLAND.

Melbourne, July 25.—A writ was issued on the 9th, against Mr. Graham Berry for slander, in saying that the *Daily Telegraph* was subsidized by the Constitutional Association. Damages are laid at \$500.

The report of the Postal and Telegraph Department for last year shows an increase in the number of telegrams of 9 per cent, and an increase in the revenue of over £11,000.

The City Council will send home by the mail an address of condolence to the ex-empress Eugenie.

Large quantities of spirits and tobacco are being taken out of bond in anticipation of an increase in duties.

The case against William Tytherleigh, the member for Normanby, was heard to-day at Carlton Police Court. Dr. Black in his evidence stated that defendant, who was intoxicated at the time, called him up to attend a sick child, and while he was on his way to the patient, defendant assaulted and nearly choked him. He said that Tytherleigh attempted to strangle him.

For the defence it was sought to prove that the doctor was intoxicated. The Bench, after a short consultation dismissed the case.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Adelaide, July 21.—The Bank of Adelaide has declared a dividend of 10 per cent. per annum.

Locusts appeared in the north early in the month, and consumed the crop of 300 acres.

Miss Jervois was thrown from her horse while out riding, on the 16th, and was picked up unconscious, but recovered consciousness shortly after her arrival at Government House. She is now reported to be making favourable progress towards recovery. The Governor's ball is postponed from next Thursday till August 14th, in consequence of Miss Jervois's accident.

gave a brief history of his visit to England and its results. With reference to projected reforms, he said he proposed to continue the bill of last session for financial control by the Assembly, and some measure of finality. He proposed to insert a clause making money legally available after having been passed by the Assembly. The Council would have legal power to reject any tax bill. After any bill rejected by the Council, the Assembly would have to submit the measure to a plebiscite. He also stated that the Reform Bill would provide for making the Legislative Council a nominee Chamber. The motion was agreed to, and the second reading of the bill was set down for that day fortnight.

The *Argus* (26th) accuses the Government of not wanting to settle the reform question, and of entertaining a desire to keep open the present agitation on the subject. The same journal remarks that the possibility of placing the present bill upon the statute-book of Victoria by legal means is very small, and that persistence in the attempt to force it upon the country can only lead to waste of time and possibly to bloodshed.

Mr. E. H. Hargraves, the discoverer of gold in Victoria, has put in a claim for £2,400 from the Government of that colony. He alleges that that amount is due to him, as he has received only £2600 out of the £5000 voted to him by Parliament.

Mr. Frederick Villiers, the special artist of the *Graphic*, arrived from Afghanistan by the R.M.S. *Siam*, (July 15th) and proceeds to Sydney. It is believed that Mr. Archibald Forbes, the *Daily News* correspondent, will shortly leave Zululand for Sydney.

The Estimates of expenditure for the coming year were laid on the table of the House on the 16th. The total amount is £3,364,914, being £192,360 more than was covered by the original Estimates of last year. Among other items is a vote of £3000 to provide for the representation of this colony at the Sydney International Exhibition; also gratuities to the widows of Sergeant Kennedy and Constable Longman, the men who were killed by the Kelly gang, some months since.

£100,000 has been paid as duty at the Custom-house during the past week in anticipation of the alteration of the tariff.

QUEENSLAND.

Brisbane, July 25.—The Assembly on the 9th appointed the following Monday an additional sitting day. The Premier, in submitting the motion in favour of such a step, stated that the Government were anxious to close the business before the opening of the Sydney Exhibition, if possible.

The Government, on the 8th, offered the vacant Puisne Judgeship to Mr. G. R. Harding, a barrister of thirteen years' standing here. Mr. Harding has announced his acceptance of that office, with the understanding that he remains in Brisbane.

In the Assembly on the 16th, a private member gave notice of motion for leave to introduce a bill disenfranchising Civil servants.

In the Assembly, on the 20th, the Colonial Secretary, replying to a question, announced that it was the intention of the Government to abolish the present gaol at Brisbane, and send all the prisoners to St. Helena Island, Moreton Bay, and that the gaol property would be sold.

At a meeting held at South Brisbane on the 25th, it was resolved to take steps to secure a separate municipality.

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Quotations.

HONGKONG, August 19, 1879.

OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash, \$537½

" Old " cash, ..

" New Benares, cash, 505

" Old " cash, ..

" New Malwa, credit, 750

" Allowance Tael, 16

" Old Malwa, credit, 765

" Allowance Tael, 8

Exchange.

Bank; Wire, .. 37½

" Demand, .. 38½

" 30 days' sight, .. 3/8

" 4 months' sight, .. 3/8

Credit, 4 " .. 3/9

Documentary, 4 months' sight, 3/9½

India, Wire, .. 22½

" demand, .. 22½

